

Beach Family

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Terre Haute,

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W Beach Plume
Orange, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Your letter asking information concerning one Moses Beach a former resident of Vigo County received. My son has furnished me the following data which he has gleaned from the County records.

The records do not show the date of Moses Beach's death, but in Common Pleas court order Book 5 page 543 appears the appointment of Robert N Hudson as administrator, dated March 3rd 1847. Among the papers in the estate is a petition to sell real estate, the petition sets out that Moses Beach left as his only heirs his widow Mary Beach and three minor children, Abigail, aged 15 years, Sarah aged 10 years and Harriet, aged 7 years. The petition is dated April 16th, 1851. Moses Beach owned a lot in the cemetery, but no head stone or other marker marks the grave.

I will next take up the widow and then the children and show what information is gleaned from the records.

MARY BEACH. the widow. From and old resident I learn that the widow married Joseph Joslin. The records show (marriage record B page 111) that Mary Ann Beach married William Ablett on June 2nd 1846. Circuit Court Order Book 7 page 443 shows that she was granted a divorce from William Ablett on September 27th 1848. And Marriage Record B page 244 shows she was married to Joseph T. Joslin on January 28, 1851. I am presuming some when I state that Mary A and Mary Beach the widow is the same person, but the records show Box 54) that Joseph T Joslin was the guardian of the Beach children and the chances are the same. These are all facts I have concerning the widow.

SARAH BEACH, a daughter of Moses Beach.

Marriage record 3 at page 51 shows that Sarah Beach was married to George W. Johnson on March 20th 1863. I can give you no further information concerning her.

HARRIET BEACH. a daughter of Moses Beach.

Marriage Record 3 page 177 shows that she was married to Andrew J. Hess on March 24th 1864. Common Pleas Court Order Book 12 page 297 shows she was granted a divorce from Hess on April 24th 1867, and her maiden name restored. Marriage Record 4 page 540 shows that Harriet Beach was married to Frederick Splady on October 28th 1868. That is the extent of my information concerning Harriet.

ABIGAIL BEACH. daughter of Moses Beach.

Marriage Record 2 page 113 shows that she was married to William Thompson on November 19th 1858.

Common Pleas Order Book 14 page 265-287 shows a partition suit in which Sarah Johnson and Harriet Splady were plaintiffs and Edward S. Thompson and Sarah Ann Thompson were defendants. The complaint in the case shows that Sarah Johnson and Harriet Splady were the daughters of Moses Beach and that Edward S. Thompson and Sarah Ann Thompson were the children of Abigail Thompson deceased a daughter of Moses Beach. The decree of partition is dated May 12, 1869. The defendants were minors and William Thompson (presumably their father) was their guardian. papers are in Box 77.

Marriage Record page shows that William Thompson married after the death of Abigail, one Mary Smith, by her he had two children Carfield and Charles. At least the records show that John C Singhurst was appointed administrator of the estate of William Thompson on March 19, 1902 (See Probate Order Book 37, page 93) and in his final report See Guardians and Administrators Report 5 page 402 he shows that William Thompson left as his only heirs his widow Mary Thompson and four children, Edward S. Thompson, Charles Thompson, Garfield Thompson and Annie Thompson. His daughter (name not given presumable Sarah A) died October 1902 being unmarried and without issue. Said daughter being no relation to the widow and a sister and half sister to the sons. Miscellaneous Record 19 page 392 shows an affidavit dated May 28, 1904 made by Sarah Johnson which states that she is a daughter of Moses Beach deceased and a sister to Abigail Beach who married William Thompson, that Abigail died in 1866 leaving her husband William and two children Edward S. and Sarah A. That Sarah A. died intestate on or about July 3rd 1902 leaving a brother and half brother herein mentioned as her heirs That William Thompson after death of Abigail married Mary Smith and had by her two children Charles and Garfield. That William Thompson died March 11 1902 leaving his widow Mary and children Edwards S, Charles and Garfield.

At deed dated May 5th 1903 and recorded in Deed Record 109 page 411 shows that on that date Charles M Thompson was married and his wife's name was Ada and that William G. Thompson, (presumably Garfield) was

Since making the search which resumed in the above and foregoing information my son has learned that Edward S. Thompson resides in this county, his address being Terre Haute, Rural Route No. 4.

As far as any of the old citizens who were acquainted with Moses Beach are concerned none of them seem to have any idea what has become of the family.

My son wishes me to say that if he can be of any further service he wishes you to command him.

Hoping the information above given will be of advantage to you I remain,

Yours respectfully,

H.A.C.

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Glancing over the various dates given by different sources in respect to the heirs of Abigail there seems to be much confusion I am sorry I am unable to state which are correct.

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Newly Married.

Yesterday at noon occurred the marriage of Silas C. Beach and Miss Amelia Baur, daughter of J. J. Baur, the druggist, at the residence of D. C. Greiner, on north Sixth-and-a-half street, Rev. C. R. Henderson officiating. The wedding was a quiet affair, none but the immediate friends and relatives being in attendance, but the Express joins with everybody in wishing this very popular couple all the joys that married life can possibly bring. They left for St. Louis yesterday afternoon, where they will remain for two or three weeks, after which they will return to this city, to reside on North Ninth street.

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MOSES BEACH

The records in the Court House at Terre Haute, Indiana, show the following.

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Among the papers of the estate is a petition to sell real estate the petition sets out that Moses Beach left as his only heirs his widow Mary Beach, and three minor children, Abigail, aged 15 years, Sarah, aged 10 years, and Harriet aged 7 years. Petition was filed April 16th 1851.

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John Merry tells me that Mary Beach the widow of Moses Beach married Joseph Joslin and lived near Riley, Indiana.

**PIONEER RESIDENT 8-18
SUCCUMBS AT 95 1957**

Miss Mary Gilbert Beach, 95, a granddaughter of Curtis Gilbert, postmaster at Fort Harrison and a pioneer resident of the city, died Saturday night.

In her early childhood, Miss Beach lived in a home on Ohio street that now is the site of the Root store annex. Her life span covered much of the early history of Terre Haute. She attended the first commencement at Rose Poly and was one of the founders of the Fresh Air Mission. For a number of years she lived in North Carolina with her sister, Mrs. Spencer F. Ball and later returned to Terre Haute to reside with her cousin, Mrs. Robert Gillum. With Mrs. Ball, she made a joint gift of Camp Wildwood to the Boy Scouts of this city. She was a lifelong member of St. Stephen's Episcopal church. She is survived by several first cousins, including Mrs. John C. Ross of Terre Haute.

The body was taken to the Ball Funeral Home, where arrangements are pending.

**8-19-1957
Rites Arranged for
Mary Gilbert Beach**

Funeral services for Miss Mary Gilbert Beach, 95 years old, will be conducted at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Isaac Ball Funeral Home. The Rev. Thomas Mabley will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Lawn Cemetery.

Miss Beach, granddaughter of Curtis Gilbert, former postmaster at Fort Harrison and a pioneer resident of the city, died Saturday at her residence, 1003 South Center Street.

Miss Beach, who experienced much of the early history of Terre Haute, was among the first group of students to enter the training school of the old Indiana State Normal School when it opened in 1870. She later attended St. Mary's School in Burlington, N. J., and St. John's School in New York.

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During her early childhood, Miss Beach lived in the family home at the site now occupied by the Root store annex. She later moved to a home on the south side of Ohio Street where the Mace Building is now located.

She was a lifelong member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, a charter member of the Vigo County Historical Society, a member of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation and the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation; a lifelong member of the Women's Department Club, and a life member of the National Audubon Society.

Surviving Miss Beach are several first cousins, including Mrs. John C. Ross of Terre Haute.

SERVICES TUESDAY

FOR MARY BEACH

Aug. 19-57-7 hub

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Isaac Ball Funeral Home for Miss Mary Gilbert Beach, 95, who died Saturday night at her home, 1003 South Center street. Rev. Thomas Mabley will officiate and burial will be in Highland Lawn cemetery.

A member of a pioneer Terre Haute family, Miss Beach was a lifelong member of St. Stephen Episcopal church, a charter member of the Vigo County Historical Society, a member of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation and the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation; a lifelong member of the Women's Department Club, and a life member of the National Audubon Society.

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